## **Defending Our Fathers House**

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## REV. DR. NICK PHILLIPS

Marriage Care Pastor Northridge Church Plymouth, MI

Rev. Dr. Nick Phillips began adult life in corporate business for 9 years before entering the seminary. He has 23 years of experience pastoring couples in marriage including experience as a Navy Chaplain. In addition to his academic theology education, Rev. Dr. Nick holds a doctoral degree in marriage and family ministry and serves as Adjunct Professor at Eastern Seminary in doctoral studies of marriage and family life ministry. He has been a guest professor at Concordia University in organizational/leadership systems for MBA students.

Rev. Dr. Nick has travelled internationally and served in ministry overseas including Europe and Africa. He has been a pastor in three congregations, first in his native lowa farm community, then in Austin, Texas, and for the past 12 years at Northridge Church in Plymouth, Michigan's largest single congregation with over 22,000 members attending services at one location.

Rev. Dr. Nick has presented on marriage care across the United States and overseas. He is a National Prepare-Enrich<sup>1</sup> trainer and supervisor. With his wife of 32 years, Rev. Dr. Nick has raised four children to adulthood, two of whom are married. He officiated at his own son's marriage in the spring of 2014. At Northridge, approximately 50 volunteer marriage mentor couples serve amongst the many relationship building, marriage education, and marriage mentor ministry and care programs that provide pastoral marriage and family care to the Northridge congregation.

Northridge Church has a divorce rate of 7.4 percent for the past twelve years. This compares to the U.S. 5-yr divorce rate of 24%, which is three-fold greater than the highest divorce rates globally, which are European.

<sup>1</sup> https://www.prepare-enrich.com